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London.
25 March
1882.

My dear Mrs Llanos.

I am sincerely sorry to receive so dejected a letter from you as that which has crossed my last, and doubly sorry that circumstance has been dealing so hardly by you and yours as to make the matter of the "Gran Galeotto" a question of immediate importance. You must not too hastily write this down upon the list of your life's disappointments.

though

though truly the best counsel
would be not to reckon
upon the play as a probable
source of funds. My experience
of the finest translations of
poetry and drama is by no
means favourable to your
interests in this affair; but
who can tell that there may
not be some luck in Mr.
Adams's subject or treatment?
Anything I can do in the
matter I certainly will do;
but I am not at all sanguine
of the result.

Meanwhile we have the
present situation to meet;
and I lose no time in
sending

sending you the funds you
ask for. I am sorry for the
demise of the "reserve fund",
which I have looked upon
with great pleasure as a
source of occasional pocket-
money for you. The Queensland
investment I shall not disturb
till I hear from you again.
because, not having any idea
that you meant to disturb
the capital, I bought you a
single bond; and I fear that
to deduct £20 from the capital
would involve a disproportionate
loss on sale and reinvestment.
I will therefore carefully investigate
this point for you, and advance
the

the £20. in the mean-time.
Towhich end I enclose you
my cheque for £40.. 9.., the
total sum named in your
letter. I don't know how far
you share in my reluctance
to touch the Queensland
investment for current need;
but if it would make you
more comfortable to keep it
intact, and to restore the
"Reserve fund," there is an easy
way to compass this without
your being beholden to
anybody. Engaged as my
interests are and are likely
to be in your brother's writings
and

and his life, the letters you have so kindly placed in my hands have a very tangible value to me; and it occurs to me that, fixed as you are, in a foreign land, you might even find a pleasure in thinking these letters were permanently lodged in your native country among other relics and documents related to them. If that were so, and you thought me worthy to be

the

the depositary, I would very
gladly meet your present
material requirements by
crediting your account with
fifty pounds: there would
then again be a "reserve fund"
of thirty Pounds. There is
nothing in these letters
that does not redound to
the praise of the name of
Keats, and I think you know
how earnest I am to employ
all means in my power to
magnify that name. In my
present undertaking of a
Memorial edition of your
brother's writings, these letters
will

will be of much assistance
to me, filling in as they do
certain blanks and gaps, so
that you need not look on
my proposal as in your
interest only. If I had not
been honoured with your
confidence in business as
well as more delicate matters
for some years, I should not
have ventured on the
present suggestion; but I
feel I can trust you to give
me credit for a desire to
meet your views in all
things; and I have only to
beg that, if I have transgressed

you

you will impute it to no
want of goodwill.

I am writing from my
Office, where I shall be till
tomorrow evening; and
the certificate forms are at
home. I will not keep my
letter back for their sake,
but will send them by a
subsequent post.

Believe me to be
&c &c.

N. B. D.

cheque £20
sent 18.4.82

5 Calle de Lista
Barrio de Salamanca
Madrid April 5th
[1882]

My dear Mr Jerman.

I cannot tell you how
very sorry I was to hear of the illness
of your own little girl. That she may
be soon restored to health, and cheerfully
is my most ardent wish.

I thank you with all my heart
for your kindness in advancing the
£20. It has been a great relief to me.
I have yet to beg of you the favor to
allow the bond to remain entire, until
the end of the year, by which time
I may perhaps be able to refund the
money advanced. If not we must
make some other arrangement.

If my brother's letters can be
useful to you, I earnestly desire you
to copy them such of them as may